



# State Traffic Safety Laws: AAA Teen Driver Safety Recommendations

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AAA Teen Driver Safety Recommendations	
Nighttime Restrictions	AAA recommends no driving between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. for at least the first 6 months of novice licensure.
Passenger Restrictions	AAA recommends no more than one non-family passenger younger than age 20 for at least first six months of novice licensure.
Teen Wireless Bans	AAA recommends complete wireless device bans for all drivers younger than age 18.
Text Messaging Bans	AAA recommends prohibiting manipulating a portable wireless device (texting, email, web-based applications, etc.) while driving for all drivers.

**LAWS MUST BE STANDARD ENFORCEMENT TO MEET  
AAA RECOMMENDATIONS**

Legend	
	Meets AAA recommendation
	Has law but does not meet AAA recommendation
	No law

Traffic Safety Law				
State	Nighttime Restrictions	Passenger Restrictions	Teen Wireless Ban	Text Messaging Ban
Alabama			<sup>3</sup>	
Alaska				
Arizona	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1 5</sup>	
Arkansas			<sup>1</sup>	
California	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>2</sup>
Colorado	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>		
Connecticut				<sup>2</sup>
Delaware				<sup>2</sup>
D.C.				<sup>2</sup>
Florida				<sup>1</sup>
Georgia	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>		<sup>2 5</sup>
Hawaii				<sup>2</sup>
Idaho				
Illinois				<sup>2</sup>
Indiana				
Iowa				
Kansas				
Kentucky		<sup>1</sup>		
Louisiana				
Maine				
Maryland		<sup>1</sup>		<sup>2</sup>
Massachusetts				
Michigan			<sup>3</sup>	
Minnesota				
Mississippi				
Missouri			<sup>4</sup>	<sup>4</sup>
Montana				
Nebraska	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>
Nevada	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>
New Hampshire				<sup>2</sup>
New Jersey				<sup>2</sup>
New Mexico				
New York			<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>
North Carolina				
North Dakota				<sup>3</sup>
Ohio	<sup>5</sup>			<sup>1</sup>
Oklahoma			<sup>3</sup>	
Oregon				<sup>2</sup>
Pennsylvania				
Rhode Island				<sup>2</sup>
South Carolina				
South Dakota			<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>
Tennessee				
Texas	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>		
Utah		<sup>1</sup>		
Vermont		<sup>1</sup>		<sup>2</sup>
Virginia	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>	
Washington	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>1</sup>		<sup>2</sup>
West Virginia				<sup>2</sup>
Wisconsin				
Wyoming				
<b>TOTAL (incl. D.C.)</b> <small>(states w/laws / states meeting recommendations)</small>	50 / 6	47 / 23	41 / 31	49 / 43

- Secondary enforcement.
- State has handheld cellphone ban for all drivers.
- Teen wireless ban permits hands-free use.
- State only has texting ban for drivers under age 22
- Effective 7/1/18.